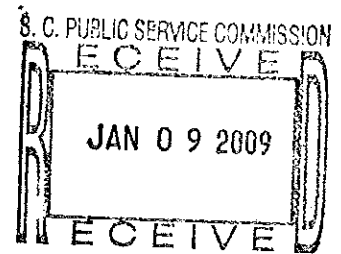


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RE: Posting Notice for Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-260(C)(6)(a)(v)-(vii), Embarq Corporation ("Embarq") respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina post the attached "Notice of Request for Allowable Ex Parte Briefing" on its website no later than January 21, 2009. Embarq has confirmed that the Commissioners and Commission staff identified in the attached Notice, as well as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff, are available and willing to attend the Briefing as described in the attached Notice.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Scott Elliott", written over the printed name.

Scott Elliott

SE/jcl

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Esq.
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Susan S. Masterton

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE BRIEFING

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-260(C)(6)(a)(v)-(vii), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby provides the following notice of a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing:

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| Person or Party Requesting the Briefing: | Embarq Corporation |
| Date and Time of the Proposed Briefing: | January 28, 2009; 10:00 a.m. |
| Commissioners and Commission Employees Requested to Attend Briefing: | <u>Commissioners:</u> Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman John E. Howard, Vice Chairman David A. Wrigth Randy Mitchell Swain E. Whitfield Mignon L. Clyburn G. O'Neal Hamilton <u>Commission Employees:</u> Charles L.A. Terreni, Chief Clerk Joseph Melchers, Chief Counsel Jocelyn Boyd, Deputy Clerk F. David Butler Dr. James E. Spearman Douglas Pratt |
| Subject Matter to be Discussed at Briefing: | Merger of CenturyTel, Inc. and Embarq Corporation |
| Commission Docket No.: | Not Applicable |